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AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS

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INTRODUCTION *JPS*

This union list updates *African Newspapers Currently Received by American Libraries* compiled by Daniel A. Britz, Working Paper no. 8 African Studies Center, Boston, 1979. The holdings of 19 collections and the Foreign Newspapers Microfilm Project were surveyed during the summer of 1999. Material collected currently by Library of Congress, Nairobi (marked DLC#) is separated from the material which Nairobi sends to Library of Congress in Washington. The decision was made to exclude North African papers. These are included in Middle Eastern lists and in many of the reporting libraries entirely separate division handles them.

Criteria for inclusion of titles on this list were basically in accord with the UNESCO definition of general interest newspapers. However, a number of titles were included that do not clearly fit into this definition such as religious newspapers from Southern Africa, and labor union and political party papers. Daily and less frequently published newspapers have been included. Frequency is noted when known. Sunday editions are listed separately only if the name of the Sunday edition is completely different from the weekday edition or if libraries take only the Sunday or only the weekday edition. Microfilm titles are included when known. Some titles may be included by one library, which in other libraries are listed as serials and, therefore, not recorded.

In addition to enabling researchers to locate African newspapers, this list can be used to rationalize African newspaper subscriptions of American libraries. It is hoped that this list will both help in the identification of gaps and allow for some economy where there is substantial

duplication. At least two subscriptions to each significant African newspaper are necessary to obtain a complete enough file for microfilming.

This edition attempts to add holdings when they have been reported. Starting dates for holdings at Northwestern, unfortunately, do not indicate complete runs (as is probably true for all library holdings). Titles earlier listed under the Foreign Newspaper Microfilm Project (FNMP) are now listed under Center for Research Libraries (CRL). These are titles that CRL films with its own funds (as opposed to what CAMP films with CAMP funds) or buys from other vendors. For each title is listed last reel received (LR). Although these titles are not considered current in the sense the newspaper subscriptions are, it seemed very useful to list these film holdings in the current list.

This document is not complete and probably includes a great deal of inaccurate data. It would be appreciated if libraries which receive African newspapers, but have not contributed to this union list, would notify the Herskovits Library at Northwestern so that their holdings might be included in future editions. Notification of all errors is most welcome.

Titles no longer current are being removed from this edition and added to a separate database that will thus list papers which have ceased or no longer have been received. The previous databases are being saved in the hope that a union list of all holdings of African newspapers, current and no longer received, is a step closer to realization.

Many newspapers and lists of newspaper holdings are now available on the Web. In some cases the web address has been added. However, these URLs often change and may be outdated. It would be impossible to list all the sites, but one should mention the websites of Library of Congress (<http://lcweb.loc.gov/rr/news/fnrc.html>) as well as the Center for Research Libraries as

important places to check for titles. The site for Foreign Newspapers at the Center for Research Libraries is:

<http://wwwcrl.uchicago.edu/DBSearch/ForeignNews.asp> and for CAMP:

<http://wwwcrl.uchicago.edu/info/camp.htm>

For the 1998 *African Newspapers Currently Held...* list:

<http://wwwcrl.uchicago.edu/info/afrcurr1.htm>. The 1999 list will be added to the Africana

library webpage during the fall of 1999. A preliminary list of *Electronic Journals and*

Newspapers on Africa is available through Columbia University web site at

<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/libraries/indiv/area/Africa/ejournals.html>

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